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REMARKS

Paragraph 1

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1. On 1 October 1952, preparations for the loading of windows of temporary wooden buildings were made in Camp Werder-Markendorf east of Justerbog (N 52/E 69). A [redacted] billeting equipment was hauled away by trucks during the nights. On 4 October, numerous boxes ready for loading were at the ramp of the Forst Zinna railroad station. *

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2. From 9 a.m. to noon, on 30 September, live-ammunition firing practice with four guns was observed at the Weisswasser troop training grounds. A twin-engine aircraft flew over the training area during the firing practice. At 8 a.m. on 2 October, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and organized into ten groups, marched from Camp Nochten to the training grounds where they subsequently engaged in firing practice with light machine guns with live ammunition. At 1 p.m., six [redacted] each towing a 57-mm AT gun, and transporting a total of 40 soldiers and a major left Camp Nochten.

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3. During the period from 8 September to 1 October, only very little training activity was noticed at the Weisswasser troop training grounds. On 8 September, 23 JS-3 tanks [redacted] moved along the Muskau-Nochten road. On 13 September, 53 Diesel trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia stopped between Boxberg and Sprey. On 20 September, about 300 armored vehicles including numerous JS-3 tanks were parked between Nochten and the Buttermilch hills. A similar number of tanks was parked in the area near Merzdorf on 1 October. Also parked there were about 100 guns of various calibers and about 200 trucks. **

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25X1 Comment. [redacted] sections of Camp Werder-Markendorf had already been vacated by elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div on 26 September 1952.

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25X1 Comment. The information again confirms that the majority of the 9th Mecz Div was still at Weisswasser by 1 October 1952. [redacted]

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